

# **“Part III - A Portrait of Man in Service”**

## **Ephesians 2:10**

In these first ten verses of Ephesians Chapter 2, Paul paints a verbal picture of a man (1) in SIN (vv. 1-3), (2) in SALVATION (vv. 4-9) and (3) in SERVICE (v. 10). Here, in verse 10 is a portrait of a man in service.

### **I. God PREPARES US FOR SERVICE (v.10a)**

(two important truths from this verse:)

- A. God CREATES US AS A NEW PERSON (“created in Christ Jesus”).
- B. God CONFORMS US INTO A USEFUL PERSON (“...His workmanship...”).

### **II. God PRE-DETERMINES OUR SERVICE (v.10b)**

- A. God has prepared GOOD WORKS FOR US (“good works”).
- B. God has prepared SPECIFIC WORKS FOR US (“God prepared”).

### **III. God PRESUMES OUR SERVICE (v.10c)**

- A. God expects service to RESULT FROM OUR SALVATION (“that”).
- B. God expects service to FLOW FROM OUR LIFESTYLES (“we should walk in them”).

Once a person recognizes their sin and repents, receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, they should begin to grow in their faith. The more mature they become the greater capacity they have for service. Does this picture have you in it? Are you seen serving Christ? — rrc